



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6872**
Akio YAMANE : Docket No. 2002-0401A
Serial No. 10/088,598 : Group Art Unit 1634
Filed March 21, 2002 : Examiner Sally A. Sakelaris
HYBRIDIZATION SELF-RECOGNITION PROBE : **Mail Stop: RCE - AMENDMENT**

AMENDMENT AND REPLY FILED WITH RCE

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2005, and in further response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2004, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant herein provides the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) hereby accompanies this response.